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## LABORERS ARE FEW.

Not long ago we had a letter from a devoted sister in regard to Publishing House debt in which these words occur: "I often think how much we lack and how few they are who seem really interested in the great work. We find it so here. While we had several additions it is in

NAME ONLY."

Could this sister start with the beginning of creation and visit every tribe, and every synagogue in every generation down to the Christian dispensation, and then every congregation from the days of Christ's personal ministry, and the day's of the Apostles down to the present day she would find in every age, at every place, the saying of Jesus, "The laborers are few." "Many are called but

FEW ARE CHOSEN."

It is a sad comment on human character to know that the principal part of men and women are shirks and cheats. Few work or help for the love of doing so. All are apparently ready to appropriate to themselves what other's sweat has produced—and while living off the labors of others even boast of their privilege. They seem to have no appreciation of the fact that

ONLY "THE LABORER IS WORTHY  
OF HIS HIRE."

The field was never more whitened for the harvest than now. In almost every EVANGELIST goes out a Macedonian cry from some poor isolated brother or sister for the "bread of life." How long these "calls" shall go unheeded depends upon how many we can get to put on the Gospel harness. Too many are like fancy horses—they will only pull when they are

IN A RACE.

Dear sister, we do sympathize with you that in a congregation so large as yours there are so few who are willing and capable of doing any thing; but we rejoice that you are not blind to that condition, and that you do not use it as an excuse for idleness and indifference on your part, but rather that you must labor the harder

and make the greater sacrifice, that like brands you may snatch the laggards out of the fire that shall not be quenched.

Will it not be a satisfaction in all the countless ages of eternity to meet day by day as they unceasingly come those who were led to the Savior and kept by his dear bleeding side through your vigilance and labor of sacrifice. It seems to us that even though we might be permitted to enter Heaven without having even been used of God to bring or help a single soul into his kingdom, that our happiness would flow at a low ebb. Surely we will remember all that ever transpired in this life and if we can think of ourselves only as having consumed earth's bounties even Heaven will not be able to give us that measure of joy which we long to obtain "where God shall wipe away our tears."

To the few workers then we say, thank God that you have a disposition to work while it is day knowing that the night cometh wherein no man can work. With the first breath of the air of Heaven we will feel compensated a thousand times for all the burdens we bear and all the sacrifices we make for those who have been "called" but not "chosen".

## OUR COMMUNION.

The past week has been one of rain and storm in this community. On last Thursday we had a severe hail storm doing considerable damage to growing fruit and vegetables. Since then there has been an almost constant drizzling rain. Not-with-standing this inclemency of the weather the communion in the College on Saturday evening was well attended. Early in the afternoon a band of brethren and sisters met in the chapel and arranged tables for about seventy-five communicants. A few minutes before seven the meeting was opened with song, prayer by Brother Garber, and a few appropriate remarks by Brother Haskins, in which he told those who had never communed before not to be fearful of making mistakes; not to be anxious about the form and thus lose the spirit of the service. After explaining to them the form of speech generally used when breaking the bread and passing the cup, he told them not to attempt to repeat these words unless they could do so without losing the spirit of it—in other words not to be anxious about getting the words correct that the thought of what is commemorated be lost—not eat and drink unworthily, unorderly, or unthoughtedly, "not discerning the Lord's body." Fifty persons were then seated at the tables. Of this number three were from adjoining congregations, two were accessions from the German Baptist Brethren and twenty-two were new converts who for the first time partook of

the Lord's supper and the sacred emblems. Four of twenty-six recently baptized gave reasonable excuses for their absence, and several others in our congregation were kept at home by unfavorable circumstances.

During footwashing Brother Haskins talked to a goodly number of outsiders on the ordinances as we observe them. The order was perfect, and the remarks, in connection with the example, appeared to make a deep impression upon the minds of the spectators.

We feel there are many more nearly ready to step in and walk with us—God hasten the day!

At the table there were all ages represented; from the child of nine years to the grandmother of seventy-five. Each participant seemed filled with the love of God. Each one who expressed him or herself said, "what a good meeting." May none lose the blessing received. May the love which now exists be continued, while the devil with all his wiles shall be kept behind and all be permitted to surround the tables in heaven when Christ shall gird himself and serve.

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## DEDICATION OF BRYAN CHURCH POSTPONED.

In accordance with previous arrangements we went to Bryan for the purpose of assisting the Brethren there in dedicating the house of worship which they have by much labor and sacrifice been able to complete. Brother Shively accompanied by his very pleasant little family was also there for the same purpose.

The house is a very neat but plain frame structure 34x50, with an excellent basement under the whole building in two compartments. A hot air furnace supplies the heat; large stained glass admit plenty of light; wide aisles give the appearance of massiveness and make egress easy; the seats have curved bottoms and are very comfortable; the rostrum is two steps high and holds a neat pulpit designed and made expressly for the place it gracefully occupies. All this was done, including purchase of lot, at a cost of nearly \$2,400. About \$800 of this sum remained unprovided for yet on the day of dedication.

The day was drizzly, showery and cold, and the roads were deep with mud. Altogether it was one of the most disagreeable days we ever experienced at this season of the year. On account of this instead of an overflowing audience as we should undoubtedly have had if roads and weather would have been fair, the house was not over two thirds full.

The writer preached in the morning, Broth-